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Centreville

Alameda Co. Cal.

Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1878Geo. E. Savenport  
Dr Sir

I send enclosed 50<sup>cts</sup> for "Fern Catalogue" I also send by this mail the Ferns you ask for as I found but one plant of the form of Aspid. aculeatum and I have the same now in cultivation in my conservatory I could not send the roots with the specimen.

In relation to the Pteris tremula having been collected at Yosemite, a Mrs Tichenor of San Francisco says that during a visit to Yosemite some years ago she found the fern growing (I think in the mountains near the valley) and brought a root home with her, and has ever since cultivated it in her conservatory. several months ago she wrote an article for the California Horticulturist in which she described the fern under the

collected by me in Alameda Co. Cal. Nov. 1879  
of the specimens sent were

name of Cheilanthes Californica in which article also if I remember aright she speaks of its attaining a growth of two feet in height. This statement attracted the attention of Mr. Merrill who wrote to the lady in relation to it. in the mean time she called at my house with an acquaintance, during my absence, and in looking over my dried ferns discovered that she had called her fern by a wrong name. but some time before she called on me I had noticed a fern growing in a greenhouse belonging to a neighbor of mine who informed me that it had been found growing in Yosemite I took a frond of it, and sent to Prof. Eaton who recognized it as Pteris nemoralis and wished me to obtain all the information I could in relation to it which I did & sent to him. my said neighbor is a relative of the lady who found the fern, and she had given the plant which I saw from off the original root brought down from the mountains, and my informant seemed to think that Mrs. L. is perfectly reliable and not at all likely to make a mistake in the matter. So now you have about all I know in relation to it.

Have you any duplicates of the rarer ferns for exchange?  
I am in want of several species.  
Yours truly  
Lorenzo G. Yates

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Centerville Alameda Co. Cal

January 7<sup>th</sup> 1880

Geo. E. Davenport Esq

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the  
5<sup>th</sup> Ult found me very busy  
closing up matters for the year.  
I think the matter of the Pt. tremula  
is somewhat mixed, from what  
I know of the lady (which is very little)  
I do not think she is a person who  
could be depended upon in a question  
of that kind. I think she must have  
got the tremula from some nursery  
and inadvertently got it mixed  
up with her Yosemite specimen.

I send herewith a list with  
such species as I have in my  
collection checked +, anything  
not thus checked that you  
may have to spare would



be valued and I will try  
to make you some returns  
in kind, or otherwise.

Plants for cultivation of any of  
the species not checked would  
be appreciated

Hoping to hear from you  
again I am

Very truly yours  
Lorenzo G. Yates

P.S. Do not see how you  
& Prof. Eaton differ so much  
in the *Aspidium aculeatum*  
sent you as the fronds sent  
to both were gathered at the  
same time and from the same  
root, but "when Doctors disagree  
&c"

L. G. Y.

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Centerville

Alameda Co. California

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1880

Mr Geo. E. Davenport

Dr Sir

Your favor of  
the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst came to hand  
some two or three days after  
the package of ferns were  
received. The latter got  
folded in two during the  
transit, and some of the  
specimens were badly broken  
particularly the Botrychiums.  
am very much obliged for  
the specimens which were  
all desiderata, but regret  
the cause of your inability to  
send "some others".

Hope your eyes may be  
better, as they are invaluable  
adjuncts in the study of ferns

I have nothing of special interest  
to offer, what can I do for  
you in return for your favor?

Hope to get some ferns  
from Florida and from the  
southern part of this State before  
long, but may be disappointed  
as I have been before this.

Hoping to hear from you  
again I am

Very truly yours  
Lorenzo G. Yates

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Santa Barbara Cal  
Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1886

Gen E. Davenport Esq  
Dr Sir

I send to  
your address by this  
days mail copies of  
my Catalogue of  
"N. Am. & Exotic Ferns"  
and enclose herewith List of  
Desiderata of N. Am. species.  
can you help me to any of  
them?

I would like a full series  
of your "Fern Notes" if you  
have them at your disposal  
Yours very truly  
Lorenz G. Jones



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The California Digest of Masonic Law, Etc.

Editor of Natural Science Department of  
THE CALIFORNIA FLORIST.

K  
Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1888

Mr Geo. E. Savenports:  
Medford, Mass.

My Dear Sir

Will you kindly send  
me any published articles or notes on  
Ferns which you have had published,  
or may be at your disposal.

Also any facts, new discoveries, or changes  
in nomenclature which you may consider  
of sufficient importance to be noted in  
my new book,

I would also thank you for a list  
of your publications, for the same purpose  
together with any other matters of  
interest appertaining to the subject  
Yours truly  
Lorenzo G. Yates



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K  
Santa Barbara, Cal., March 24<sup>th</sup> 1889

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport  
Medford, Mass.

My Dear Sir

Your kind favor of the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst  
containing partial description of new Ferns  
*Asplenium Mungleei*, Davenporti, is just received  
and located in the ms of my book. please  
advise me of the publication of this description so  
that I may give reference to same.

I have mislaid my copy of your pamphlet on  
"Ferns of North America" cannot imagine where  
it is. I had it filed away in a box with  
a number of other pamphlets and notes on  
N. Am Ferns, and some valuable letters, but the box  
has disappeared.

I have been very busy preparing "Synoptical Key"  
and new methods of referring species to the name,  
and Bibliographical List. Hoping to receive notice of  
other new things in time for my work, and thanking you for your  
kindness, I am  
Yours very truly  
Lorenzo G. Yates  
Have you many Mexican Ferns to share?

DR. LORENZO G. YATES, F. L. S.,

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Cor. Sec'y Santa Barbara Soc. Nat. History.

Carrillo House, Carrillo Street.



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Santa Barbara, Cal., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 1889

Mr Geo. E. Davenport

My Dear Sir

I am in a little trouble which I presume you can help me out of.

I have lost or mislaid my copy of your "Catalogue of the Davenport Herbarium", with my ms. notes. Will you kindly send me another copy? and if it would not be asking too much I would like you to make additions in ms. of such new species & locations as would make it complete. I have forgotten the price of the "Catalogue", or I would enclose the same, but you can inform me of the price & I will remit on receipt.

Yours faithfully

Lorenzo G. Yates

P.S. I have just discovered Polypodium Souleii growing on Santa Cruz Island, the most southerly locality except on Guadalupe Island (DePalma).

L. G. Y.

P.P.S. I send you my photo. please exchange. I want to add yours to my Album of Fern Lovers

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Mr. Davenport.

Dear Sir,

I learned  
through Mrs. Henry Cifford  
of Chicago, that I could  
obtain 2 Hens Cabanac of  
you. I would be glad to have  
one, and will enclose \$1.00  
for it. I think \$1.00  
was the price. If I have  
made a mistake, regarding  
the price, please let me know  
and I will make it right.  
Please forward me no more  
of this kind, and I will  
be glad to hear from you.  
Yours faithfully,  
J. D. Davenport.

I have directed to  
Remark Maine Co.  
N. York.  
Care of H. Stuart.

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883.



200 George Street  
101 E. Main St. New  
Haven

Dear Mr. [unclear]

It is not likely  
I should be getting some  
papers. Can you please  
advise I can get your copy  
of the [unclear] by mail & they  
between I have [unclear]  
[unclear] and I have [unclear]  
[unclear] if you will  
[unclear] for them

Now you please send me  
back a good [unclear]  
[unclear] you will then have  
[unclear] the [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]







Houston

Dec 2nd

Mr E. Davenport,  
Boston

My dear Mr Davenport.

I am very much  
interested in a knowledge of  
any kind for a man  
you would be doing some  
good when you have more  
words.

I had a collection of poems  
in press for you this  
morning, but was called  
away much to a new  
ill. I would be glad to  
let you have the book. I had  
intended to send it on I left



before my return this past  
month when you sent,  
if you live in a household  
that are not interested in  
their facts. When more we  
is content with the notion  
of "setting things to rights"  
then you can sympathize  
with the order state people  
are after a prolonged ab-  
sence and the whole  
share that prepares you  
for a month or two after  
a return.

I can not tell you more  
as you will be ago. I have  
thought much since you  
last wrote what I could  
do nothing for you. I have  
the interest which I feel I  
think is a new satisfying  
one. I have thought you have been  
in the States. The people are  
a great deal better.

The little things you get  
from the people of the  
State of mind.

I have to tell you very much  
about the changes  
only in the spring. In the  
winter time a few people are  
going to the mountains and  
the little world has been  
to the mountains and a lot of people  
are there a quantity of  
the time and a great many  
people are going to the mountains  
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do nothing for you. I have  
the interest which I feel I  
think is a new satisfying  
one. I have thought you have  
been in the States. The people  
are a great deal better.

I am sure I can be of  
 service to the great cause  
 that I suggested. I will  
 find in the North  
 and then I shall be  
 done. I will

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1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the origin of life. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and most difficult in the history of science. The author discusses the various theories of the origin of life, and shows that the most plausible is the theory of spontaneous generation. This theory is based on the fact that life is a complex of many different parts, and that these parts are all derived from a common ancestor. The author shows that the theory of spontaneous generation is supported by the facts of the origin of life, and that it is the only theory that can explain the origin of life.

2. The second part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the problem of the origin of the human race. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and most difficult in the history of science. The author discusses the various theories of the origin of the human race, and shows that the most plausible is the theory of spontaneous generation. This theory is based on the fact that the human race is a complex of many different parts, and that these parts are all derived from a common ancestor. The author shows that the theory of spontaneous generation is supported by the facts of the origin of the human race, and that it is the only theory that can explain the origin of the human race.

3. The third part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the problem of the origin of the human mind. It is shown that the problem is one of the most important and most difficult in the history of science. The author discusses the various theories of the origin of the human mind, and shows that the most plausible is the theory of spontaneous generation. This theory is based on the fact that the human mind is a complex of many different parts, and that these parts are all derived from a common ancestor. The author shows that the theory of spontaneous generation is supported by the facts of the origin of the human mind, and that it is the only theory that can explain the origin of the human mind.





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Hon Wm Pines Country Club  
Near Lippitts.

Mr G Davenport Sunday Evening  
& Hamilton Place  
Boston.

Dear Mr Davenport

Believe me I  
have small hope of your  
getting this in time, yet upon  
the mere possibility I write.

I did not know until this  
afternoon what day I should  
start south, & now I want to  
say that we will leave here  
tomorrow afternoon <sup>at 3 o'clock</sup> and will be  
in Boston about 4.30 - to take  
the New England road for  
Washington at 6. P.M.

Could you meet me with the Cypripedium,  
at the Boston & Maine Depot?<sup>2</sup>  
Or if that is asking too much  
will you send these plants by mail  
to me at Honeta? But you know I  
want to see one who has been so kind

given to his son. Aid in my  
botanical studies —

I hope you may get this book  
to read it when you do get it —  
that I may see you

Truly your friend — in  
Great haste

M J Young

Albion Nov 21st

Mr G Davenport  
& Hamilton Place  
Boston

My dear Mr Davenport

You remember Junius  
in one of his letters says injuries may be done  
& atoned for, but that an insult admits of  
no compensation. it degrades a man in his own  
respect & makes him seek revenge. Will I felt  
like parading this ~~whole~~ fragment of the  
great Anonymous, after I wrote my letter, &  
to say mistakes may be made & atoned  
for, but idiotic stupidity admits of no  
excuse - I had not dispatched my letter  
half an hour before I remembered that I  
had not given you a signal by which  
you could recognize one, & of course felt  
the utter hopelessness of meeting you long  
before I arrived at Boston.

Your packet of ~~lily~~ lily's came safe  
to hand & were duly planted by us, & I

look forward with great anticipation  
to next summer's delight. How good  
you are when I wish I could repay  
you in some way that would give you  
pleasure. I have not the yellow water  
lily & should be very glad to have it.

We have an *Amara aegyptia* in our  
bays & lagoons that measure from  
7 to 9 inches in diameter. Their leaves  
are proportionately large, being the size  
of ordinary oval salveria. Many of our friends  
claim them as the true Egyptian lotus.  
I am disposed to think them merely the  
product of our semi-tropical climate - what  
you like a root or two? I should be glad  
to send them.

I have friends on the ~~French~~ *French* *Musee*  
to whom I am going, to write for the  
checkanthis, & also very soon to be  
found there, will write to the German  
about the other you want -

My health continues so infirm, that  
I don't know that I shall ever be able to

take up the pilgrims staff & go out  
in search of specimens again - But I'll  
try to interest others for your benefit -

I am getting a nice little pecuniary  
rep, & hope you will soon return and be  
a contribution, & besides you must like  
our supply or return the stamps. I am  
tired enough on your time & goodness  
without adding that also.

With respectful thanks I am

Truly your friend  
Thos J. Gurney.



Mrs G E Davenport  
8 Hamilton St  
Boston

Home letter  
Feb 3 1876

My dear Mr Davenport

I repeat your note  
long since given me up as one  
forgetful of scripits & such no grate  
inde whatever. I have had so  
many pressing cares upon me  
that I could not properly attend  
to anything. But in a like visit to  
Dorchester, where several spirits  
have demanded my hourly atten-  
tion. During a short visit out-  
set this fall - here I went for  
the day air & command my  
sisters, & my sister-in-law, &  
my mother-in-law for you.  
Andrew of Harrisburg told me  
when only returned that he too  
was making a collection for you  
& I gave him my herbarium  
& collect what he wanted. &  
I would you the remainder.  
Do you would get them all I  
thought it did not matter who  
sent them & I had two full of them  
at the time to look over the  
herbarium.  
I expected a regular box  
from you this fall. I had a fine

in Mexico who was gathering  
plants of all kinds, but making  
a specialty of ferns for you.  
He had shipped some hundred  
sixty odd plants, the very  
best & cream of that tropical  
land, orchids ferns echinops  
cacti & many other things un-  
known to our botanical florists.  
But alas, the cyclone which  
swept our coast, swept the  
rest - & all my riches went  
down to the home of the mermaid.  
My only friend is busily  
multiplying them & we shall  
see you & have yet.

Yucatan is the hottest fer-  
riferous in the world. We  
have such a dry atmosphere.  
I am told that  
there are many beautiful  
places, but the red man there  
is as avaricious for specimens  
of scalps as we are for ferns  
& consequently we yield the  
ground to him.

Hoping to hear from you  
when you are at leisure, I  
am,  
Truly yours,  
Wm J. Young

With sincere friendship  
adapting your views to  
the great fact in  
which this is settling  
I remain

Very truly  
Yours  
J. H. Thompson

Mr. Loring

I expect you regard  
me as a sort of "up-to-date"  
or "progressive", for my views are  
growing more of "fals" and "truth".

But be false is, for the past 14  
months my time has been taken  
up entirely by writing in the  
local paper, having no having  
any other time to devote to writing  
other than that time I devote to  
my other business.

I want by mail, the form of  
provisional. The matter is  
too hot now for me to write  
to you for the kind of answer  
I want.

I have a number of more from  
the press, which will interest  
you with it. For your answer.



Houston

April 23<sup>d</sup>



Mr George Davenport  
& Hamilton Place  
Boston

My dear Mr Davenport

It has been a long time since I have had the pleasure of writing to you. The ferns you so kindly sent me are beginning to show their pretty fronds, & I feel fresh emotions of gratitude to you every time I look at them. My sister is ever so much better & is now in San Antonio, when I hope to join her in a few weeks. I send you by this mail some



*Adiantum* (Maidens Hair) that I got a few days <sup>ago</sup> from the same locality - I observed them in last fall, that I then wrote to you about.

Examining them now, I think they are the same as those specimens I sent you from San Antonio & also from Austin -

I think perhaps it was the season of the year (late in the fall) that made them look different from any I had previously observed. I am glad the little *Nemacops* fern, (the *Chelidanthus*) grows. I will try to get you more & better specimens when I go west - as I hope to extend my tour as far as Cannon Verde & the *Nemacops*.

There are some peculiar and interesting *Euphorbias* out there which I hope to secure. One especially as beautiful as the *Simultia*, & *Verbascum*.

I shall be very glad if you can send me more ferns by my return. I am quite captivated over the pleasure of raising ferns. They are so beautiful, & repay so splendidly the trouble one may take in their culture.

My long confinement to my home, cut off as I have been from all sorts of botanizing pleasures, has thrown me upon the simple pleasure of cultivating plants, & has awakened a desire in me to commence a botanical garden, devoted to the introduction & culture of *Ligno* plants, whether I shall ever be able to carry it out or no I can't tell. But every age has its Castle building, & this is mine.

now.

With assurances of esteem  
that makes it seem impossible  
that I do not know you  
personally (I always speak  
of you as — my friend  
I. Davidson) I remain

Very truly &c  
M J Young

K  
Mr George Davenport  
8 Hamilton Place  
Boston

My dear Mr Davenport

I have one  
single plant of the chielanthus  
which I have been coaxing into leaf  
for you - It had died down when  
I received your letter, asking for a  
specimen for the engraver - & I  
feared to send the root on, lest  
it should perish in the way, &  
we should have nothing left for  
our pains - In the course of a  
fortnight I shall take this up  
& press & dry it & send it on, if it  
will be in time for your purpose -  
Please let me know immediately -  
for unless it will - I shall not  
sacrifice it, but try & grow more  
from it - I discovered something

concerning it that I don't think  
I told you - It is sensitive, as  
much so as the mimosa - It is  
quite beautiful to watch its delicate  
folding up at a touch; or a too  
rude dashing of water over its  
beautiful folds -

This winter has been passed as the  
last three or four - in the sick room  
- for several weeks I have not had  
a moment to write you this note,  
which I have been so anxious to  
do - & now I am half crazy with  
fatigue & nervousness engendered by  
loss of sleep & anxiety of mind.  
But thank God all is health  
& serenity again -

Very truly your friend  
M J Young

March 8th  
1878

Beverly N. H. 1866  
 Sep. 17<sup>th</sup>

Mr George Davenport  
 8 Hamilton Place  
 Boston

My dear Mr Davenport

It was rather a coincidence, one that our quasi-scientific friends, the biologists, would call an electro-psychological attraction; that I was lying down, ~~about~~ thinking, that as soon as I felt strong enough to get up & write I would drop you a line, & while thus thinking, my mail from home was brought in, & opening a letter from my son, your letter (which he had enclosed) dropped out.

I should have sent you these some long ago, but for my continued illness, & will do so as soon as I return home which will be now in the course of a week or ten days. The Penecses from I am

ordinary tea saucer - such as grow in our southern ponds & lagoons - but that is about all I have in my aquarium, besides a few native fish, silurus & black cat, 'quite a fancy collection is it not?'

If I stop a day in Boston as I go through which at present is my intention, I shall certainly find 8 Hamilton Place -

If you can drop me a note here & answer some of the many questions I have propounded I shall be very much obliged.

Your requests shall be attended to, as soon as I get home

Truly yours

W. J. Young



depending on getting from a friend  
out there who promised to send it to  
me from Canyon Verde the only place  
when I know it grows - the other  
is plentiful on the Colorado & in our  
gardens at home.

I had so hoped to have met you  
while back, But I was so ill that I  
made no stop in Boston but went  
immediately to my friends & W. P. Rice's  
near Topofield & remained there till  
getting a little stronger I came on  
here where I am visiting his sister  
Mrs B. J. Vittum of Dover.

I have been so stagnating for a  
long long time in consequence of a  
low state of nervous prostration, of  
which however I am much better.  
But I have not been able to carry  
out a little plan I had hoped to  
accomplish - making a collection  
of ferns (roots) to take back for  
my fern garden at home - We have

now water works in our City, & I  
have a large aquarium, dug in the  
earth, bricked & cemented, where I am  
growing aquatic plants - & have a  
fountain which I can connect with  
spray at my pleasure, & a magnificent  
tree of ample proportions & dense shade  
- of course Mother Nature down there is  
generous with her heat - just fitted  
for fern growing - I am so disappointed  
about my ferns as a child over a  
broken toy - Do you know where I  
can get in Boston any pretty  
aquatic plants, or where I could get  
some gold kiln fish? I have a  
few gold fish but like Elsie First  
I want "more"  
I am just crazy for roots of the pink  
& blue water (or pond) lily. Where are  
they obtained?  
I have our own *Nymphaea odorata*  
the very large kind, leaves foot & half  
in diameter & the flower as large as an